

YACA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Yinghua Academy
Final

Ms. DeGeest called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Board Members Present

Coley Murphy, Ana Ly, Ruth Straub, Todd Harmsen, Serena Jones-White, Tanya Battista Crespo, Tess DeGeest and Muree Larson-Bright

Board Members Not Present

Shane Stubblefield

Also Attending

Alison Parks, Volunteer Coordinator; Becky Hoffman, Lantern Festival Gala Chair; and Michelle Kim

Public Forum

Parent Michelle Kim, Business Development Director of Mom Corps presented a proposal to host a networking event at Yinghua Academy. This event could give the opportunity to parents and community members to network and become acquaintance with business opportunities in the area. This event could focus on people that are on job transition, people that would like to explore what is available and business owners interested in a list of contacts. This event could be beneficial for parents of Yinghua. Michelle proposed that YACA co-hosts the event with Mom Corps. She would advertise through the school and the neighbor newspaper. As a result of the event a directory of parents, business and resources will be available to our community.

Members of the YACA Board agreed that this would be beneficial to our community. Michelle will start working in this project. The “Friends and neighbors networking night” will probably be hosted in September.

Strategic Planning

Ms. DeGeest proposed a motion to modify YACA’s Mission Statement to reflect that YACA will no longer do the fundraising for Yinghua Academy. YACA agreed to let the Yinghua Foundation be the fundraising organization for Yinghua Academy.

The new Mission Statement would read: Supporting the mission of Yinghua Academy, its students, families and staff by providing volunteers and assistance in cooperation with the Administration, the School Board and the Yinghua Academy Foundation.

Mr. Harmsen moved to approve the motion. Ms. Ly seconded it. The new Mission Statement was approved.

Ms. DeGeest presented new Strategic Goals to consider. The new goals are:

1. Enhance opportunities for Yinghua Students
2. Enrich the lives of Yinghua families
3. Support Yinghua teachers and staff by providing recognition and resources

4. 4. Foster a positive sense of our global community.

Mr. Harmsen moved to approve the new goals. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion. The new goals were approved.

New assignments were given to YACA Board members to work on the new goals. These assignments are as follow:

- Mr. Murphy and Ms Jones-White will develop goal number 1.
- Ms. Ly and Mr. Murphy will develop goal number 2.
- Ms. Straub and Mr. Stubblefield will develop goal number 3.
- Ms. Battista-Crespo and Ms. Larson-Bright will develop goal number 4.

Recommendations by YACA Board members will be brought at the next YACA meeting on March 8, 2011 to discuss.

In the meantime Ms. Ursina Swanson will connect some members of YACA with the members of the Park Spanish Immersion PTO to learn how they implemented changes and develop a well established PTO.

The School Board asked YACA to organize the School Carnival. Reasons to host this event were considered. The YACA Board members voted not to host or organize the School Carnival.

Part of the establishment of the Yinghua Academy Foundation is to create a Board of Directors to run it. YACA Board members have to consider participating in the Foundation as part of the new Strategic Planning.

Lantern Festival Gala

Ms. Hoffman presented that all the arrangements for this celebration are going well. The food and beverages have been requested, equipment has been rented. There are many good Silent Auction items that could potentially amount up to \$20,000. About half of the total tickets available have been sold. This event was advertised in all the community publications available. Ms. Hoffman requested some help from Classroom Coordinator Liaison to promote the event among Yinghua families, to encourage Classroom Coordinators to invite the teachers and to request for volunteers for the event.

YACA will donate school supplies for one child as an item for the Silent Auction.

Adjourn

Ms. DeGeest adjourned the meeting at 9pm.

Next Board meeting date is scheduled Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm, at Yinghua Academy.

